"18—1—Central Jail—Miscellaneous". Here also information is given in the note which was placed before the Standing Finance Committee. I request that the grant may be allowed.

Demand put and carried.

13. Rs. 4230- under "18 (1) Central Jail—Diet Charges".

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*·— Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 4,230 under "18(1)—Central Jail—Diet Charges." The reason for the demand is fully explained in the notes for the Standing Finance Committee. Some of the Members present wanted some additional information at the time the question was discussed there. The reason for this additional allotment is this. The amount allotted for this year under this head is Rs. 7,500. In the year 1112, the amount allotted was Rs. 9,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*— Why did you provide a lesser amount this year?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— This year we were able to allot only so much. In 1112, it was found that the actual charges under Diet Charges came to Rs. 9,870. Calculated on that basis and on account of certain increased medical charges incurred this year the expenses would come to Rs. 10,000. A portion of the amount allotted this year had to be paid for the additional charges incurred last year, so that we are now in deficit of funds. That is why this additional allotment is asked for. I think that the House will be pleased to grant this amount.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Now, Sir, what is the fun of budgetting Rs. 7,000 even when you found that Rs. 9,000 was not sufficient for last year?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*— There was a large rise in the number of prisoners.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Sir, I asked for information during the Finance Committee sitting whether there was any increase in the number of prisoners, whether the system of supply of diet materials has deteriorated, was it given by way of tender, and whether the lowest tender was accepted. These four points of information I asked for the other day and it was promised to be supplied today.

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.— I may say that the contract was given on tender and I think that the lowest tender was also accepted. But so far as this year is concerned, the rates tendered are in some respects higher than the rates tendered for last year, the average increase being about forty-four and odd rupees every month. The increase in rates will account for about Rs. 500 for the whole year. I do not exactly know the name of the tenderer. I think there is a question coming up for to-morrow or day after.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.— That information is required for discussion today.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.— You say, you accepted the lowest tender.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.— Yes, that is so.

And this year, there were certain cases of typhoid and venereal diseases etc. Some extra expenditure has to be incurred on account of the purchase of medicine and that accounts also to some extent to the increase in the amount.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.— Has there been any increase in the number of prisioners?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.— I do not think there was any great increase, any appreciable increase.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—We should release prisioners occasionally, prisioners who are not dangerous to society, as in British India.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.— In fact, there is a Committee actually sitting and there were releases also.

Mr. President.—Is there any Committee sitting to examine the cases in British India?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—The Government there are examining cases and effect release in suitable cases. Even I find a man who has been sent to Jail for rape has been let out in the Central Provinces.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*—Sir, I think it is not the way to manage the finances properly. I can understand a

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difference of 500 or 1000 rupees to be brought in by way of supplementary grant. To bring in a supplementary grant of Rs. 4000 and odd on an item of expenditure whose original amount is only Rs. 7000, that seems to be rather ridiculous. I only want to point out to Government that in a grant where the original amount is Rs. 7000, Government now come forward for a supplementary grant of Rs. 4000, that is, over 50 per cent of the original amount.

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Motion No. 3.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).— To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4230/-under "18 (1). Central Jail—Diet Charges" by Re. 1/-(To enquire whether prisioners are given hand-made rice).*

My cut motion is only to enquire whether prisioners are given hand-made rice. In these days of vitamins it is really not right that prisioners are not given hand-made rice which is considered at present by the experts to have more vitamins, more food value than wheat, I think therefore that hand-made rice alone should be supplied to them, and the prisioners themselves should be made to make the necessary rice.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— They are supplied with hand-made rice and they are making it.

The motion was considered withdrawn.

Demand put and carried.

14. Rs. 125/- under "20 (2) Collegiate Education—Hostels—Vessels and Furniture."

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction.*— Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 125/- under "20 (2)- Collegiate Education-Hostels-Vessels and Furniture." The object of this grant has been well explained in the note for the Standing Finance Commitee. I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Demand put and carried.

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